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SUBJECT: VESCO- COSTA RICA PLANS TO ABROGATE VESCO LAW?

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1. DURING MEETING WITH ME NOVEMBER 10, PRESIDENT ODUBER SAID HE IS CONSIDERING PRESENTING TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY A DRAFT PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD ABROGATE THE PRESENT "VESCO" LAW AND PROVIDE THAT IN THE FUTURE EXTRADITION WOULD BE GOVERNED BY BILATERAL TREATIES IN CASES WHERE THEY EXIST OR BY TRADITIONAL LATIN AMERICAN LAW KNOWN AS THE "CODIGO-BUSTAMANTE" IN CASES WHERE THERE IS NO TREATY. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE REACTION OF THE USG TO THIS APPROACH.

2. I ASKED THE PRESIDENT IN WHAT TIME FRAME WAS HE THINKING FOR ACTION AND HE REPLIED SOME TIME EARLY NEXT YEAR, PERHAPS JANUARY OR FEBRUARY.

3. I PROMISED TO REPORT THIS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO INFORM HIM OF ANY REPLY I MIGHT RECEIVE.

4. COMMENT: IT IS INTERESTING THAT ODUBER'S STATED POSITION IS FAR LESS FIRM THAN THAT WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO US BY FACIO AND CARRO AND ALSO THE TIME FRAME IS FARTHER REMOVED. ODUBER CONTINUES TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF WANTING TO GET RID OF
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THE PROBLEM WITHOUT GETTING HIMSELF TOO MUCH EXPOSED IN THE

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5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT BELIEVES I MIGHT APPROPRIATELY MAKE TO ODUBER REGARDING THIS NEW PROPOSAL. THE COMMENTS, OF COURSE, WILL BE GIVEN ONLY ORALLY.
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